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Applicant

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METHODS AND APPARATUS

FOR REMOVAL OF GAS BUBBLES FROM BLOOD

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 19, 2007 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments, concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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